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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Filed concurrently herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in the above-captioned application and Amendments and Remarks in reply to the Final Office Action dated May 12, 2010. It is respectfully believed that entry and consideration of these amendments and remarks is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, as this submission is being filed prior to payment of the issue fee, abandonment of the application, or filing of a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit. Applicants also submit a Petition for Extension of Time (with provision for the required fee) extending the period for timely response for filing an appeal brief in response to the Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences filed on November 10, 2010 for three months from January 10, 2011 to April 10, 2011.

Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks begin after the amendments section of this paper.